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Minutes 04/14/2010

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
 4/14/10

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan		Bayer*	Phelps*	Dunn*
DeCoursey*	Connors*	Simmons*	Olszewski*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan*	
Ferrara*	Franclemont*	Jones*	Deshler*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*	Carman*	Turkall*

* Indicates present

VISITOR: Town Manager Brian Sullivan, Anne Thompson, Vicki Ford, Richard Corredera

MINUTES of 4/12/10 were accepted as corrected. Unanimous.

ART 58 MINUTEMAN FEASIBILITY STUDY: Sullivan reported on a meeting he organized between himself, the Minuteman Tech Superintendent Ed Bouquillon, Steve DeCoursey, and Charlie Lyons. Sullivan stated his concern with funding a renovation study w/o any plan to make the school viable. Bouquillon said the feasibility study would address this issue. The MSBA must agree w/ this scope. A future mtg is planned. Later in the meeting, DeCoursey confirmed Sullivan's report. The FinCom considered whether to reconsider its "no action" vote in favor of "report at Town Meeting" but decided not to. 6-11.

COA TRANS EF: Sullivan provided marked up budget book pages. The revenues will cover at least part of the tax bill. VOTED to approve the budget as marked up. Unanimous.

BUD 23 PENSION LEGISLATION: Sullivan believes the legislation will extend the fully funded deadline to 2040. We would be able to drop our appropriation from 6% to 4% which would free up \$150k. Senator Donnelly is verifying w/ PERAC. Retirement Board has started actuarial study. He recommended reducing the appropriation to \$6,696,154. VOTED \$6,852,841 including non-contrib. Unanimous

ART 47 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: Sullivan has reached agreement w/ both police unions on the same basis as the other unions. For the ranking officers, the agreement covers FY09 & FY10 and includes an accreditation stipend of \$400/ officer. The cost, \$54,354 in each year, will be covered by appropriations made in previous years. Both unions agreed to no increase in FY10. VOTED favorable action.

ART 64 DALLIN SIDEWALKS: Sullivan recommended a token appropriation, the bulk to be covered by a state grant. VOTED \$1500 unanimous.

PUT BACKS BASED ON HOUSE 1: Sullivan recommended the following. All approved unanimously

Comptroller	\$3000	
IT	\$27,897	
DPW Office Manager .5 FTE		
DPW Highway 1 FTE		
DPW Natural Resource 1 FTE		
DPW Total	\$107,549	
Police 1 FTE Patrol or Capt?	\$100,000	
Fire fighter 2 FTE	\$110,000	
Library Fox & books	\$60,000	
Health & Hum Ser	\$1,335	
COA	\$14,157	
Youth Services EF	\$77,000	Franclemont to reconcile w/ previous vote

CAPITAL PLAN: Foskett provided and reviewed a revised plan (by email) that increases several amounts but stays within the 5% guideline. These include a bond authorization of \$695,000 for Stratton School improvements and an additional \$375,000 for the Community Safety Bldg under STM Art 5. VOTED \$7,974,393 Unanimous.

APPROPRIATION OF REMAINING BALANCE of \$249k. Members discussed various possibilities : \$250 unemployment, \$100k snow & ice, Buyouts \$150k, Flood overtime \$15k, \$40k Youth Services, Treasurer longevity \$896, 57% to Schools, reserve fund. There was extensive discussion.

VOTE to place \$249k in Reserve Fund earmarked for SPED failed 7-11

VOTED \$142k (57%) to schools. 10-8

VOTED \$55k to unemployment brining the increase to \$100k. Unanimous

VOTE to appropriate additional \$52k to schools failed 8-10

VOTED \$52k to snow & ice Unanimous

ADDITIONAL \$550k TRANSFER TO SCHOOLS from reserves: After additional discussion, VOTE to transfer \$133k from Stabilization Fund (for a total of \$275k including the above vote) to Schools failed 6-11.

COMMITTEE

VOTED to authorize the Chair & Vice Chairs to correct small discrepancies in the FY11 report w/o additional votes. Unanimous

Phelps provided revised employment history charts, school & town, for the report.

Tosti requested prompt review of the report text to be provided by email.

Future meetings will be held in the Hearing Room at 7:30 before Town Meeting.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE \$508,915.92

Peter B Howard 4/19/10. Revised 4/23/10

cc FinCom Members, Library File, Town Web Site, FinCom Web Site

VOTE SUMMARY - Articles

# 2/10	#	#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Status (Unlisted votes were unanimous)
20			PAYT	3/17	3/31	Limited support 13-5
24			Tax Checkoff for CoA Transportation	2/24	3/1	No report
26			Double Pole Home Rule Legis			BoS
28			Pension Liability Funding			Report at Twn Mtg
29			Transfer Crosby	3/17	3/31	No report
30			Transfer Parmenter	3/17	3/31	No report

31		Sell Crosby	3/17	3/31	No report
32		Sell Parmenter	3/17	3/31	No report
33		Accept Law Consolidate Twn & Sch Admin	4/7	4/7	support BoS
34		Consolidate Twn & Sch Admin	4/7	4/7	support BoS
36		Dog Control	3/1		BoS
37		Compensation of Selectmen	3/17	3/31	No action
39		Additional Warrant Article notification	3/1		No report
47		Collective Bargaining	3/17	4/14	0
48		Future Collective Bargaining			
49		Salary Adjustment Elected Officials	3/17	3/17	No action
50		Positions Reclassification	3/31	3/31	\$7,888
51		Vacation Time Bylaw	3/17	3/17	Support
52		Budgets	NA	NA	See next page
53		Capital Budget	3/15	3/15 4/14	\$7,974,393
54		Rescind authority to borrow	4/7	4/7	\$10,001,534
55		Sewers	3/17	3/17	\$650,000
56		Water	3/17	3/17	\$1,300,000
57		Minuteman Tech	2/22	3/31	\$2,739,795
58		Minuteman Tech Bond Authorization	2/22, 3/17,31	4/7 4/14	No action 14-2
59		Committees & Commissions	2/17, 3/1	2/17, 3/1	\$14,760, \$3000 for ARC
60		Celebrations	4/7	4/7	10,667
61		Misc Appropriations	3/17	3/17	\$16,337
62		Scholarship Fund Expenses	4/5	4/5	No action
63		Pension Adjustment	3/31	3/31	favorable action
64		Safe Routes to School	3/17	4/14	\$1,500
65		Harry Barber Service Program	2/24	3/31	No action
66		Minuteman Senior Services	2/24	3/31	No action
67		Social Worker	2/24	3/31	18,179
68		Traffic Supervisors	2/24	2/24	No action
69		Water Bodies	2/17	2/17	\$15,000
70		Uncle Sam	2/17	3/1	No action
71		Restore Trees	2/17	3/1, /17	No action,
72		Local Option Taxes	3/31	3/31	No action
73		OPEB	3/31	3/31	498,313
74		Tip Fee Stab Fund	3/31	3/31	680,000
75		Transfer of Cemetery Funds	4/7	4/7	\$160,000
76		Overlay Reserve	3/31	3/31	500,000

77		Stabilization Fund	3/31	3/31	1,580,000+
78		Free Cash	3/31	3/31	582,051
STM3		FY10 Appropriations & Budget Transfers	3/17	3/17	No action
STM4		Fire Station Renovation	3/15	3/15	\$4,950,000
STM5		Community Safety Renovations	3/15		

VOTE SUMMARY-Budgets

#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Amount	Vote Unlisted votes were unanimous
1	FinCom	2/22	2/22	10,988	
2	Board of Selectmen	3/24	3/24	359,633	
3	Town Manager	3/8	3/8	417,916	
4	Personnel	3/15	3/15	\$177,896	
5	Information Technology	2/22	2/22 4/14	519,795	
6	Comptroller	2/22	2/22 4/14	402,044	
7	Treasurer	4/5	4/5	577,464	
8	Postage	4/5	4/5	156,796	
9	Assessors	4/7	4/7	307,598	
10	Legal	3/1	3/1	409,316	
11	Town Clerk	3/8	3/8	234,810	
12	Registrar of Voters	3/8	3/8	59,873	
13	Parking	4/5	4/5	106,460	
14	Planning	3/8	3/8	231,352	
15	Redevelopment Board	3/8	3/8	270,454	
16	Zoning Board of Appeals	2/24	2/24	23,890	
17	Public Works	3/24	3/24 3/14	6755283	
17g	Street Lights	3/8	3/8	418,893	
18a	Community Safety Admin	3/24	3/24	386,246	
18b	Police	3/24	3/24 3/14	5,187,196	
18c	Fire	3/1	3/1 3/14	5,573,081	
18d	Support	3/24	3/24	708,384	
19	Inspections	3/8	3/8	367,894	
20	Education	3/29	3/14	38,591,451	
21	Library	2/22	2/22 4/14	1,948,852	
22a	Health & Human Services	3/24	3/24 4/14	288,771	
22b	Veterans	3/15	3/15	326,568	
22c	COA	3/15	3/24 4/14	163,085	

23	Retirement	3/8	3/8 4/14	6,852,841	
24	Insurance	4/5	4/5 4/14	19,422,863	
25	Reserve Fund		4/5	600,000	=
W&S EF	Rev 16733559 Exp 16733559	4/5	4/5	0	
Rec EF	Rev 563,228 Exp 562,340	4/7	4/7	-948	
Rnk EF	Rev 552,000 Exp 539,364	4/7	4/7	-12,636	
COA EF	Rev 100,170 Exp 96,020	4/7	4/14	-4150	
Youth EF	Rev 16,000 Exp 166,451	4/7	4/7	150,451	